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	10/772,935	STUMPF ET AL.
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Status		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 February 2004</u> . 2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final. 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>102-128</u> is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>117-126</u> is/are allowed. 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>102-116, 127-128</u> is/are rejected. 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to. 8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
12) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some * c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.		
Attachment(s)		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____		
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information referred to in the information disclosure statement submitted on July 12, 2004 has been considered with the exception of documents 286350, 1698068 and 5526291. Each of these documents appears to show inconsistency between the document number and the inventor name and/or publication date.

The information disclosure statement filed on July 12, 2004 does not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98 because: Note as indicated above. Since the submission appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH** from the date of this notice to supply the above mentioned omissions or corrections in the information disclosure statement. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b).** Failure to timely comply with this notice will result in the above mentioned information disclosure statement being placed in the application file with the noncomplying information **not** being considered. See 37 CFR 1.97(i).

Priority

The preliminary amendment filed February 5, 2004 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 103-108, 113, 114, 127 and 128 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 103, it is unclear if "a pair of spaced apart upright portions" are intended to include the previously set forth upright portion. In claim 103, it is unclear if "a pair of spaced apart link portions" are intended to include the previously set forth link portion. In claim 108, the recitation "having a pair side frame elements" is grammatically vague. In claim 113, "said tilt control housing" lacks proper antecedent basis. Similarly note claims 127 and 128. The remaining claims are indefinite since each is dependent from an indefinite claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 103-108, 113, 114, 127 and 128 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 102, 109-112, and 115-126 are allowed.

Conclusion

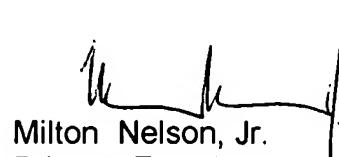
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. A seating assembly with relatively adjustable seat and backrest portions is shown by each of DE (4219599), Doerner (3603640), Korn (5308144), Lanuzzi et al (4765679), and Inoue (4986601). Johnson (D180660) shows armrests extending from backrest uprights.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is 7033082117. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 5:30-3:00.

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